General Michael V Hayden Former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Former Director of the National Security Agency

General Michael Hayden is a retired four-star general who served as director of CIA and as Director of NSA when the course of world events was changing at an accelerating rate. As director of the country's keystone intelligence-gathering agencies, he was on the frontline of geopolitical strife and the war on terrorism. He understands the dangers, risks, and potential rewards of the political, economic, and security situations facing the planet. General Hayden dissects political situations in hot spots around the world, analyzing the tumultuous global environment and what it all means for the American people and America's interests. He speaks on the delicate balance between liberty and security in intelligence work as well the potential benefits and dangers associated with the cyber domain. As the former head of two multi-billion dollar enterprises, he can also address the challenges of managing complex organizations in times of stress and the need to develop effective internal and external communications.

At the Center of Intelligence., General Hayden became director of CIA in May of 2006, capping a career in service to the United States that included nearly 40 years in the Air Force. He served until 2009. Earlier, after being appointed by President Bill Clinton, Hayden served as the director of the National Security Agency from 1999–2005. There he worked to put a human face on the famously secretive agency, explaining to the American people the role of NSA and making it more visible on the national scene. From 2005–2006, General Hayden was the principal deputy director of national intelligence and the highest-ranking military intelligence officer in the country.

More About General Michael Hayden. General Hayden has a bachelor of arts in history and a master of arts in modern American history, both from Duquesne University. In his military career, General Hayden served as commander of the Air Intelligence Agency and director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center. He has also served in senior staff positions at the Pentagon, U.S. European Command, the National Security Council, with U.S. Forces in Korea and in the U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria.

He is currently a principal at the Chertoff Group, a security consultancy founded by former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. Hayden also is as a distinguished visiting professor at George Mason University's School of Public Policy. He was elected to the board of directors of Motorola Solutions in January 2011 and serves on a variety of boards and consultancies. He is a frequent contributor to network news shows and a variety of periodicals and journals. In 2014 he was the inaugural Humanitas Visiting Professor in Intelligence Studies at Oxford University in the United Kingdom.